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## **INFORMATIONAL NOTICE**

**DATE:** August 8, 2005

**TO:** Participating Non-Emergency Transportation Providers, Excluding Madison and St. Clair Counties

**RE:** Revised Rates for MedicaR and Service Car Services

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The purpose of this notice is to advise that non-emergency MedicaR and Service Car providers will receive a rate increase effective for claims with dates of service on, or after, July 1, 2005. The base and return rates will increase by \$0.50 and the mileage rate will increase by \$0.10 for MedicaR and Service Care levels of service. All counties will be eligible for this increase except the counties where a critical access increase has already been applied.

The Department of Public Aid (DPA) has changed to Healthcare and Family Services (HFS). You will see the new name on forms, letters and the Internet. Until existing form supplies are exhausted, we will continue to use materials bearing the former DPA name and logo. Either version of documents should be considered official regardless of the name they bear.

Only our name has changed. HFS's programs, staff, office locations, mailing addresses and phone numbers remain the same as DPA's. We believe our new name more clearly reflects our mission of service to the State of Illinois including providing access to health care for over two million Illinoisans. We deeply appreciate your participation in our programs and we hope this change poses no inconvenience for you.

Providers wishing to receive e-mail notification, when new provider information has been posted by the department, may register at the following HFS Web site:  
<http://www.hfs.illinois.gov/provrel>

Questions regarding the revised rates should be directed to the Bureau of Rate Development and Analysis at 217-785-0710. Billing questions may be directed to the Bureau of Comprehensive Health Services at 1-877-782-5565.

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